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THURSDAY, AUG. 31ST, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

FORTY acres of land, with a house on it, near Lewisburg, for sale at $600.—Apply at this office.

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Staunton, Va., Aug. 28th, 1899.

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Editor Greenbrier Independent:

On the 9th of August, about 4 o'clock in the morning, the residents of Lewisburg dwelling near the Court House, and, a short time afterward, the country people along the Frankford road, were awakened by fiendish yells and songs echoing through the matin mists as though pandemonium were let loose. All this ruthless disturbance, however, was in fact of a mild significance; it only meant that our Camping Party was commencing its forty-four-mile drive to the old Confederate re-union camping-grounds near Marlinton, where we weye to spend ten days of blissful, unhampered *ennui* and unrivaled pleasure. A four-horse wagon, two surries and a buggy carried as sleepy and jubilant a party of thirty young folks and

To the latter we are indebted for much of the comfort and pleasure of our outing. The drive through beautiful Pocahontas would demand fluent description to do it justice, but the pleasures of imagination are as great as the pleasures of memory oftentimes, so our readers may enjoy the former as much as we do the latter. Can any one be so devoid of the faculty for having a good time that in a party of charming girls and congenial fellows he wishes he were elsewhere? "I'd rather be a dog and bay the moon than such a man!" Those lovely girls deserve much gratitude for the excellent lunches prepared by them, and so appreciated by us all, just before we descended the other slope of Droop mountain. Then came the descent and good time the arrival at our destination—just twelve hours after we started. Tents were raised, baggage unpacked, bedticks stuffed with straw and other preparations made for the welcome night's rest. The encampment was on what has been an island in Knapp's creek, and doubtless will be again in a

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songs of Mr. John Dice were one of the features of our evening entertainments; and truly his rendition of them is inimitable. Our choruses and college yells awakened echoes from the surrounding cliffs and made the welkin ring.

One evening we joined with the Marlintonians and gave a musicale for the benefit of the L. F. I. Alumnæ. Another evening six of the young ladies of our party rendered the "Six Cups of Chocolate" in a novel and most charming manner, out at camp. We had two dances at Marlinton—one given by the young men of our party and one by those of the town. Many of our party went swimming, fishing and horseback riding, as well as walking to the cliffs, a point of scenic interest not far away. The cameras, which many carried with them were kept clicking and producing souvenirs. The hammocks were scattered about in shady nooks, and afforded pleasant resting places, where some of us would read aloud to one another or commemorate episodes connected with certain couples which were worthy of mention. Our three meals were cooked by a colored man and his wife, whom

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Palmer Cox's Brownies could not have more deftly pulled up stakes and turned the camping ground into a scene of busy preparation for departure homeward, than did we early on the morning of the 19th. Before we take leave of dear old Camp Hill Billy, we must speak again of the courtesy and open-handed generosity of the people of that section of country.

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Marlinton, I was told, was so called for a man named Marlin, who lived for some years in a hollow tree in that vicinity, where he was found by General Lewis, from whom Lewisburg gets its name. The Court House building is one of which the Pocahontas people should be justly proud. Modernly and firmly constructed, it stands on a commanding portion of the valley in which the town is situated. With the new railroad, Marlinton will become a large and important center of trade for all the surrounding country.

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And now with three cheers for Camp Hill Billy, three for Pocahontas and three for Lewisburg, and a toast to all—"May they live long and prosper!"—we close. W. L. K.

List of Deeds.

The following is a list of deeds, etc., admitted to record by the Clerk of